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1. IN COURSE OF TWO MEETINGS AND SEVERAL TELECONS WITH
HYDROMET IN EFFORT TO PIN DOWN SOVIET VIEWS ON SECOND JOINT
COMMITTEE MEETING, WE NOTE SOME RELUCTANCE ON SOVIET SIDE TO
COMMIT THEMSELVES ON CERTAIN ISSUES (E.G., PRESS COVERAGE) AND
TO DISCUSS BASIC PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS ABOUT MEETING. DR.
IZRAEL BELIEVES THAT MANY POINTS CAN BE SETTLED AFTER ARRIVAL
IN U.S., BUT SCIATT STRESSED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE MOST
OF PLANNING COMPLETED BEFORE MEETING SO THAT MEETING WILL BE
SUCCESSFUL AND PROCEED SMOOTHLY. THERE FOLLOWS BASIC
THINKING OF SOVIET SIDE ON MAJOR ISSUES CONCERNED WITH JOINT
COMMITTEE MEETING.

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2. TRAVEL PLANS: SOVIET DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF ABOUT

18-20 PERSONS, ARRIVING JFK SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 VIA AEROFLOT FLIGHT SU-315. MAJORITY OF SOVDEL WILL DEPART US ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18. ACADEMICIAN FEDOROV AND ABOUT FOUR OTHERS (PROBABLY INCLUDING SOKOLOV AND KUVSHINNIKOV) WILL REMAIN IN US FOR ONE WEEK OF POST-MEETING TRAVEL. FEDOROV AND HIS PARTY WILL DEPART US ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25. (FYI: DR. IZRAEL SAID HE WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN POST-MEETING TRAVEL, BECAUSE HE MUST RETURN AND "MIND THE STORE" IN ABSENCE OF FEDOROV. END FYI)

3. POST-MEETING TRAVEL: FEDOROV WOULD LIKE TO VISIT NEW ORLEANS, LAS VEGAS, AND LOS ANGELES. IN NEW ORLEANS, HE WISHES TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH NOAA WEATHER BUOYS OFF LOUISIANA COAST. HE HAS DISCUSSED SUCH A VISIT WITH DR. ROBERT WHITE (NOAA), WHO APPARENTLY HAS AGREED TO IT. IN LAS VEGAS, HE WISHES TO VISIT THE EPA RESEARCH CENTER FOR DISCUSSIONS ON MONITORING PROBLEMS. IN LOS ANGELES, HE WANTS TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS SMOG PROBLEMS AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL AND MONITORING.

4. REPORT OF FIRST YEAR'S ACTIVITY: IZRAEL BELIEVES THAT THE REPORT SHOULD BE A JOINT PRODUCT, STATING WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN ELEVEN MAJOR AREAS OF COOPERATION, AS WELL AS PLANS FOR FUTURE. FINAL DOCUMENT WOULD BE SUBDIVIDED ACCORDING TO THESE ELEVEN AREAS, FOR EACH OF WHICH THERE SHOULD BE REPORT (NOT MORE THAN 5-10 PAGES) DESCRIBING IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIOUS PROJECTS WITHIN THAT AREA. IZRAEL DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT IT IS WISE TO TRY TO ASSEMBLE THIS JOINT DOCUMENT BY CORRESPONDENCE BEFORE THE MEETING. HE SUGGESTS THAT TWO OR THREE SPECIALISTS FROM EACH SIDE BE DESIGNATED TO COLLECT THE INDIVIDUAL PROJECT REPORTS OF CHAIRMEN FROM BOTH US AND USSR SIDE (PREPARED INDEPENDENTLY) AND ASSEMBLE THEM INTO UNIFIED, MUTUALLY AGREED UPON, JOINT DOCUMENT. THIS WORKING GROUP TO ASSEMBLE THE REPORT WOULD BEGIN THEIR TASK IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL IN US. THE WORKING GROUP WOULD CONSULT WITH THE VARIOUS PROJECT CHAIRMEN, AS NECESSARY, IN THE COURSE OF THEIR WORK.

5. FEDOROV WISHES TO MEET WITH TRAIN ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING.

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6. AGENDA: IZRAEL BELIEVES THAT THE AGENDA SHOULD BE STRUCTURED BASICALLY SAME AS FOR FIRST MEETING IN MOSCOW, SEPTEMBER, 1972. AFTER OPENING STATEMENTS BY EACH OF CO-CHAIRMEN (TRAIN AND FEDOROV), ORAL REPORTS WOULD BE GIVEN BY SPOKESMEN FOR EACH OF ELEVEN AREAS OF COOPERATION. THESE REPORTS WOULD DESCRIBE JOINT WORK ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN EACH AREA, AS WELL AS PLANS FOR FUTURE COOPERATION. FOR

EACH AREA, EITHER SOVIET OR US SPOKESMAN WOULD DELIVER PRIMARY REPORT, FOLLOWED BY COMMENTS OR ADDITIONS (IF ANY) BY HIS COUNTERPART. IZRAEL DID NOT INDICATE ANY PREFERENCE REGARDING THOSE AREAS FOR WHICH HE THOUGHT SOVIET SIDE SHOULD PRESENT PRIMARY REPORT.

7. NEW AREAS OF COOPERATION: SOVIET SIDE DOES NOT PLAN TO SUGGEST ANY NEW AREAS OF COOPERATION BEYOND ORIGINAL ELEVEN OF AGREEMENT, BUT WILL TABLE SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW PROJECTS UNDER ORIGINAL ELEVEN. THESE NEW PROJECTS ARE CURRENTLY BEING WORKED OUT BY SOVIET SIDE.

8. PRESS COVERAGE: IN PRINCIPLE, SOVIET SIDE AGREES TO MAXIMUM PRESS COVERAGE OF MEETING, BUT BELIEVES THAT SUCH COVERAGE SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO MORE FORMAL ASPECTS OF MEETING, SUCH AS OPENING CEREMONY, STATEMENTS BY CO-CHAIRMEN, STATEMENTS BY SPOKESMEN FOR ELEVEN AREAS, AND SIGNING OF RECORD OF MEETING. IZRAEL DOUBTS WISDOM OF PRESENCE OF CORRESPONDENTS DURING DISCUSSION OF RECORD OF MEETING OR DURING "WORKING LEVEL" SESSIONS, HOWEVER, SOVIET SIDE ALSO AGREES "IN PRINCIPLE" TO HAVING POST-MEETING TRIP OF FEDOROV PARTY AS OPEN TO PRESS AS POSSIBLE, BUT PREFERS TO DISCUSS DETAILS AFTER ARRIVAL IN U.S.

9. RELEASE OF JOINT REPORT: IZRAEL WISHES TO DEFER COMMITTING SOVIET SIDE TO PUBLIC RELEASE OF JOINT REPORT OF FIRST YEAR'S ACTIVITY. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE REPORT IS A GOOD DOCUMENT, AND HE IS SURE IT WILL BE, IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO RELEASE IT.

10. PERRY-IZRAEL LETTER: IZRAEL WISHES TO DISCUSS WITH TRAIN QUESTION OF U.S. EXHIBITION ON POLLUTION ABATEMENT EQUIPMENT DURING MEETING. HIS VIEWS ARE BASICALLY SAME AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THOSE HE PRESENTED TO US SIDE DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO US, I.E., THAT EXHIBITION IS ACCEPTABLE TO SOVIET SIDE, BUT SHOULD EXCLUDE ABATEMENT EQUIPMENT ITSELF. EXHIBITION WOULD THUS INCLUDE ALL DEVICES FOR MEASURING AND ANALYZING POLLUTION, AS WELL AS EQUIPMENT (COMPUTERS, ETC.) THAT PROCESS DATA AND SEND SIGNALS TO, AND CONTROL, ABATEMENT EQUIPMENT. HE IS STILL AWAITING RESPONSE FROM US SIDE ON NUMBER OF COMPANIES THAT MIGHT BE INVOLVED AND ESTIMATE OF SQUARE METERS OF EXHIBITION SPACE THAT WILL BE REQUIRED.

11. SOVIET PULP DELEGATION: IZRAEL REPORTS THAT SOVIET PULP DELEGATION IS PREPARED TO COME TO US AT BEGINNING OF SECOND QUARTER OF 1974. SOVDEL WILL PROBABLY CONSIST OF FOUR MEMBERS.

12. ACTION: BEYOND WHAT IS REPORTED ABOVE, SOVIET SIDE APPARENTLY WILL NOT HAVE ANY FURTHER SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING SCENARIO FOR JOINT MEETING, BUT PREFERS TO LEAVE ALL DETAILS TO JUDGMENT OF US SIDE, AS HOSTS. EMBASSY THEREFORE SUGGESTS THAT US SIDE TAKE INITIATIVE AND PRESENT ASAP TO SOVIETS PROPOSED FINAL AGENDA FOR MEETING FOR THEIR COMMENTS. IN PARTICULAR, US SIDE MIGHT ALSO INDICATE THOSE COOPERATIVE AREAS FOR WHICH IT PREFERS TO MAKE PRIMARY REPORT (PARA SIX ABOVE) SO THAT EMBASSY CAN SEEK SOVIET AGREEMENT TO MAKE REPORTS ON REMAINING AREAS (IF, IN FACT, THIS PROCEDURE IS ACCEPTABLE TO US SIDE). ALSO, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER PROCEDURE DESCRIBED IN PARA FOUR ABOVE IS ACCEPTABLE TO US SIDE OF JOINT COMMITTEE AND WHETHER US SIDE BELIEVES THAT THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT TIME DURING MEETING ITSELF FOR WORKING GROUP TO COLLATE AND EDIT INDIVIDUAL US AND USSR PROJECT REPORTS AND PRODUCE THE JOINT DOCUMENT. IN INTEREST OF UNIFORMITY, US SIDE MIGHT CONVEY TO SOVIETS ITS PRECISE VIEWS ON FORMAT AND CONTENT OF THESE PROJECT REPORTS. IF SOVIET SIDE AGREES TO FOLLOW SAME PATTERN, PROCESS OF COLLATION AND EDITING WOULD BE SIMPLER.

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